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## A FEMININE PROPOSAL

By MARY D. VINCENT

Margaret Vincent had a great many suitors that she didn't want. These suitors were mostly fortune hunters, and even if they were not there was not one among them that she would marry. Miss Vincent had attended lectures at a college, and one of the assistant professors or instructors had caught her fancy. That was when she was seventeen, and an impression made upon a girl's heart at that age is liable to take a very strong root. At any rate, after graduation she managed to keep in touch with him.

Her young professor Twining of the chair of botany, while he showed friendliness, did not evince love. Whether he felt it or not Miss Vincent could not tell. All she knew was that he never passed the bounds of a platonic friendship. She suspected that what drew her suitors—her fortune—acted as a stumbling block to the professor. She suspected at times that he would like to make love to her, but having nothing but a small salary with which to match her half million of dollars refrained.

Professor Twining took great interest in the customs of eastern people, especially those of India, and naturally interested Miss Vincent in the same subject. So she read all the books she could find about India and how the people there passed their daily lives. One item that she came upon interested her especially. It was this:

"In India a man often remains unmarried longer than he would desire simply because he cannot afford to pay the sum the father of a desirable daughter demands of his would-be son-in-law. Widows, however, are cheap, and a wily father who finds his daughter is getting on in years while suitors carry takes advantage of this fact. He marries the girl to a bunch of flowers, which he then throws into a well. Thus the lady becomes technically a widow, and as such she is a bargain in the marriage market. This the flower widow is secured as a wife by a suitor who would not have dared offer a small sum for her before her so-called marriage."

Now, it occurred to Miss Vincent that Professor Twining, being familiar with the habits of the people of India, had met with this same information. It struck her fancy to use it as a hint that she would look kindly on a proposition of marriage in case he felt disposed to make her one. It would certainly be a delicate way of showing her partiality for him. Indeed, it would be tantamount to a proposal from her to him. She spent a good deal of time conjuring up a way of indicating to the professor that she had become a flower widow and finally went at it in this way:

"She invited the professor to come and see her under the pretext that she had a new plant upon which she desired some information. She was at her country place, and her plants had been removed from her conservatory to their beds in her spacious gardens. When Professor Twining called, she took him out and showed him the plant in question. There was nothing peculiar about it, and he wondered why she had brought him to ask him questions about so ordinary a plant.

"I do so love my flowers," she said. "Do you know, I come out here alone and chat with them. They say very sweet things to me."

While she talked she plucked one here and there, making up a bouquet. The professor naturally supposed that she was making it up for him. "How do you love your flowers," he asked, "as flowers or as representatives?"

"My lover is in them," was her reply. "It is he who says the sweet things, while the flowers themselves look at me so innocently that his words seem more tender than they would without the flowers. These that I hold in my hand are my husband."

"But if your husband is in the bouquet you must have a new bouquet and a new husband every day. By tomorrow these must be discarded. In that case you will never be widowed."

There was no reply to this. They walked on, chatting in this vein, till they came to a well. Leaning over it, Miss Vincent threw her bouquet down into it.

## MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS

VESSLS TO ARRIVE

Tuesday, December 10  
Newcastle, N. S. W. — Saint Kilda, Br. star.

Vancouver—Kestrel Br. stmr.  
Japan ports—Tokai Maru Jap. stmr.  
Hilo—Honolulu, M. N. S. S.

Wednesday, December 11  
Salina Cruz, via San Francisco and Sound ports—Alaskan, A. H. S. S.  
Maui and Hawaii ports—Claudine, stmr.

Kauai ports—W. G. Hall, stmr.  
Thursday, December 12  
San Francisco—Thomas, U. S. A. T.

Friday, December 13  
San Francisco—Nippon Maru Jap. stmr.  
Central and South American ports—Kiyo Maru, Jap. stmr.

Saturday, December 14  
Hilo via way ports—Mauna Kea, stmr.

Sunday, December 15  
Maui, Molokai and Lanai ports—Likelike, stmr.

Kauai ports—Kinai, stmr.  
Wednesday, December 18  
San Francisco—Lurline, M. N. S. S.

Thursday, December 19  
San Francisco—Tenyo Maru, Jap. stmr.

Sunday, December 22  
Hongkong via Japan ports—Shinyo Maru, Jap. stmr.

VESSLS TO DEPART

Tuesday, December 10  
Maui, Molokai and Lanai ports—Likelike, stmr., 5 p. m.

Makatea—Promise, Nor. stmr.  
Kauai ports—Nouau, stmr., 5 p. m.  
Kauai ports—Kinai, stmr., 5 p. m.

Wednesday, December 11  
San Francisco—Honolulu, M. N. S. S., 6 p. m.

Hilo via way ports—Mauna Kea, stmr., 10 a. m.

Thursday, December 12  
Kauai ports—W. G. Hall, stmr., 5 p. m.

Friday, December 13  
Manila via Guam—Thomas, U. S. A. T.

Hongkong via Japan ports—Nippon Maru, Jap. stmr.

Kona and Kauai ports—Kilauea, stmr., noon.

Maui and Hawaii ports—Claudine, stmr., 5 p. m.

Saturday, December 14  
Hongkong via Japan ports—Kiyo Maru, Jap. stmr.

Hilo direct—Mauna Kea, stmr., 4 p. m.

Monday, December 16  
Kauai ports—Nouau, stmr., 5 p. m.

Thursday, December 19  
Hongkong via Japan ports—Tenyo Maru, Jap. stmr.

Sunday, December 22  
San Francisco—Shinyo Maru, Jap. stmr.

Monday, December 23  
Sydney via Pago Pago—Sonoma, O. S. S.

Tuesday, December 24  
San Francisco—Siberia, P. M. S. S.

San Francisco—Lurline, M. N. S. S.

Friday, December 27  
San Francisco—Ventura, O. S. S.

Saturday, December 28  
Hongkong via Japan ports—Persia, P. M. S. S.

MAILS

Mails are due from the following points as follows:  
San Francisco—Transport, Dec. 12.  
Victoria—Zealandia, Jan. 1.  
Colonies—Ventura, Dec. 27.  
Yokohama—Shinyo Maru, Dec. 22.  
Mails will depart for the following points as follows:  
Yokohama—Nippon Maru, Dec. 13.  
Yokohama—Marama, Dec. 31.  
Colonies—Sonoma, Dec. 23.  
San Francisco—Honolulu, Dec. 11.

TRANSPORT SERVICE

Logan sailed from Honolulu for San Francisco, Dec. 5.

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S. S. Tenyo Maru ..... Dec. 19

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For Waihee and Lihala—10:20 a. m., 10:35 a. m., 11:15 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 11:45 a. m., 11:55 a. m.

Inward.  
Arrive Honolulu from Kahuku, Waihee and Waihee—8:35 a. m., 8:50 a. m.  
Arrive Honolulu from Ewa Mill and Pearl City—11:45 a. m., 11:55 a. m., 12:05 a. m., 12:15 a. m., 12:25 a. m., 12:35 a. m.

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